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Inquiry: I am a registered nurse in Waco Texas. I am performing research on comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities ("CORF"). In case you are not familiar with CORF, a CORF is a freestanding outpatient clinic that can provide the following services: physician services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology services, respiratory therapy, prosthetic and orthotic services, social and psychological services, and nursing care.

I am sending this email to you because your state does not have any licensure or training requirements that are specific to CORF. This is not uncommon because most states simply rely on the federal laws that established CORF. These federal laws generally address training but are not specific in the requirements for BLS (basic life support, i.e. "CPR") trained and/or ACLS (advanced cardiac life support trained). The federal regulations can be found in the code of federal regulations.

I am contacting you to find out if the state board that licenses providers in your discipline requires such a provider to be to be BLS and/or ACLS trained in order to hold a professional license and practice your discipline in your state. The disciplines that I am seeking information for are the following: Physician, Physical therapist/Physical therapist assistant, Occupational therapist/Occupational therapist assistant, Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse (LPN or LVN), Speech-Language Pathologist, Respiratory therapist/technician, Prosthetist, Orthotist, Psychologist, Rehabilitation Counselor, and Social Worker.

Response: The Respiratory Care Board does not currently require BLS or ACLS as a requirement for licensure. However, section 70615, contained within title 22 of the California Code of regulations, does require such training in the acute care setting. I would recommend you obtain a copy of these regulations to assist your research. Contact information is provided below for your convenience:

Department of Health Services
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This determination does not constitute a declaratory decision under the comprehensive provisions of Government Code sections 11465.10 - 11465.70.